

Comment regarding "Sorenson's Petition for a Declaratory Ruling or Alternatively a Rulemaking Regarding Call Handling Obligations" dated November 8, 2016

Is it an abuse of the TRS Fund for callers to use VRS to commit Wire Fraud?

VRS interpreters are charged with protecting the TRS Fund against misuse. One example of this is VRI. If an interpreter notices that both the Audio user and the Video user are in the same room, the interpreter is instructed to disconnect the call.

We interpreters are ethically required to keep up with national and international news such as trends in Wire Fraud. Diligent interpreters can use information from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Internal Revenue Service to readily identify overt cases of Wire Fraud.

U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorneys' Manual

941. 18 U.S.C. 1343 Elements of Wire Fraud

<https://www.justice.gov/usam/criminal-resource-manual-941-18-usc-1343-elements-wire-fraud>

Justice Department charges dozens in massive Indian call center scheme

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/justice-department-charges-dozens-in-massive-indian-call-center-scheme/2016/10/27/ae64a6b0-9c48-11e6-a0ed-ab0774c1eaa5_story.html

Federal Trade Commission, Scam Alerts | Consumer Information

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>

Internal Revenue Service, Scam Phone Calls Continue

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/scam-phone-calls-continue-irs-identifies-five-easy-ways-to-spot-suspicious-calls>